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Foreign Section, Station,
Date May 23. 1930.
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Made by B.S. Maklaevsky. *Forwarded by* Thos Robertson Supt. C.

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Seems strange he has left Shanghai. We should be cautious of Rover & his report. Report anything more.

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have someone see
Mr Lover

Ack with thanks
to Mr Nelson

Yrs
A.C.

Already acknowledged.

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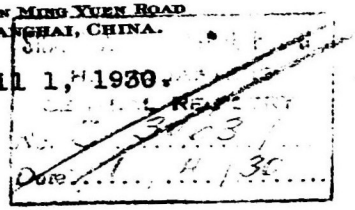
April 1, 1930.



The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:

Our client, Mr. V. Rover, a Soviet citizen, has just informed us that at one o'clock, p.m., on April 1, 1930, a man calling himself Vladimir Sander called at his house and first inquired if Mr. Rover could help him to go to Russia. Mr. Rover told him that he had nothing to do with such matters and could not help him.

During the conversation Mr. Rover asked Mr. Sander why he had called on him about such a matter as the German Consul is in charge of Russian interests, and why he did not call at the German Consul for information and assistance. Mr. Sander informed Mr. Rover that Mr. Pick had sent him to spy out Mr. Rover's house to see if there was a possibility of planting some incriminating or compromising matter in Mr. Rover's house. Mr. Rover quite naturally requested Mr. Sander to leave his house and refused to have anything to do with him. Mr. Rover thinks it desirable that you have this information and we agree therewith. Mr. Rover's address is No. 18 Carter Road.

Yours very truly,

FLEMING, FRANKLIN & ALLMAN,

By N. F. Allman

NFA:SMC

SONDER, V. F. (Vladimir)
@ KOSLOFF, John
Soviet subject. Left Shanghai 13 April 1930.

ROVER, V.
Resides at 18 Carter Rd.

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